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## **AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed June 21, 2000 in connection with the above-referenced utility patent application, reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 7-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. According to the Office Action, it is unclear whether the limitation "first method" is part of the claimed invention or not, because the body of the claim does not perform the method. In response, Applicant submits that indeed claim 1 is directed to an article of manufacture having a machine-readable medium, and